

60c 237
FEB
02457

MARVEL.COM

GROUP

the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN

FEATURING THE
TRIUMPHANT RETURN
OF THE ORIGINAL--
STILT MAN!

© 1982 MARVEL
COMICS GROUP

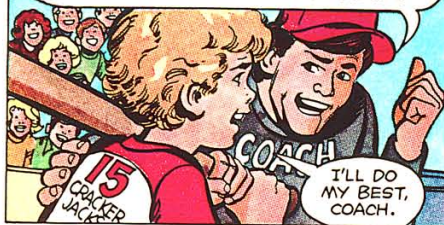
NOT TO BE



**HIGH &
MIGHTY!**

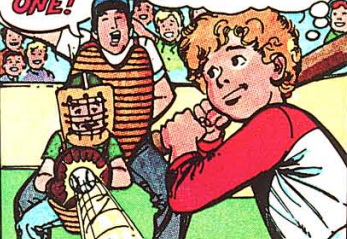
SCOTTIE in *A Cracker Jack story*

OKAY, SCOTTIE! THE SCORE IS TIED, BASES LOADED, AND TWO OUTS! GET IN THERE AND SHOW 'EM WHAT YOU'RE MADE OF.



STRIKE ONE!

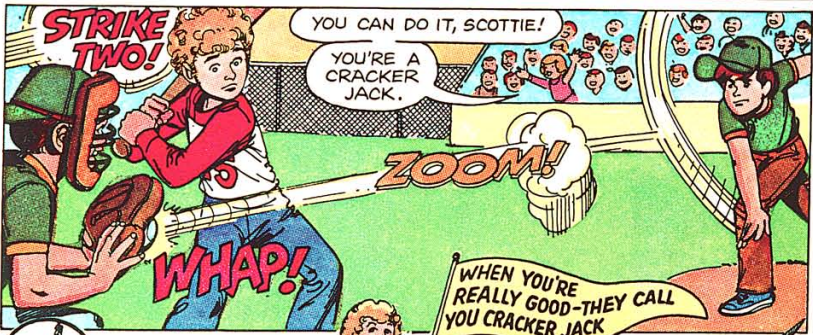
!GULP! WHAT IF I STRIKE OUT???



STRIKE TWO!

YOU CAN DO IT, SCOTTIE!

YOU'RE A CRACKER JACK.



WHAP!

WHEN YOU'RE REALLY GOOD- THEY CALL YOU CRACKER JACK



YOU DID IT, SCOTTIE.

WE WON THE PLAYOFFS!

WHAT A CRACKER JACK!



Crunchy caramel-coated popcorn and peanuts and a secret toy surprise!



Stan Lee PRESENTS: **THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN.**

HIGH & MIGHTY!

THE PLACE: MANHATTAN, A SEEDY HOTEL ROOM, THE SITUATION: ONE MAN'S ENCOUNTER WITH THE TRUTH.

I'M NOT THE MAN I'D INTENDED TO BE. I'M A FAILURE-- A FRAUD!

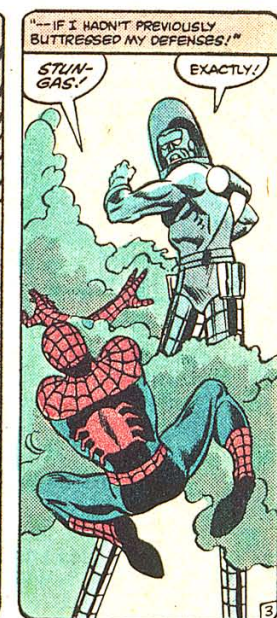
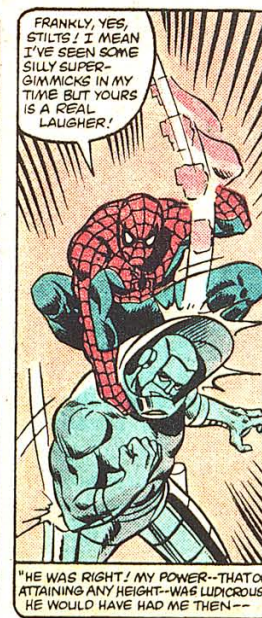
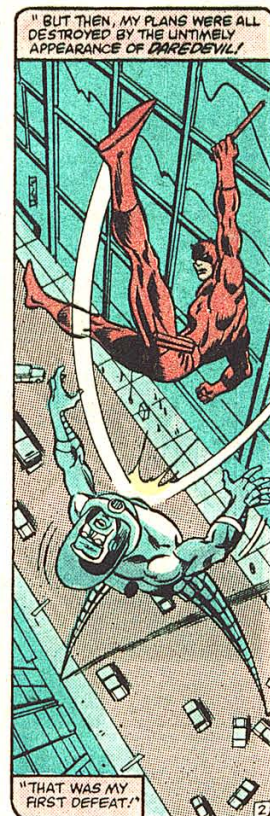
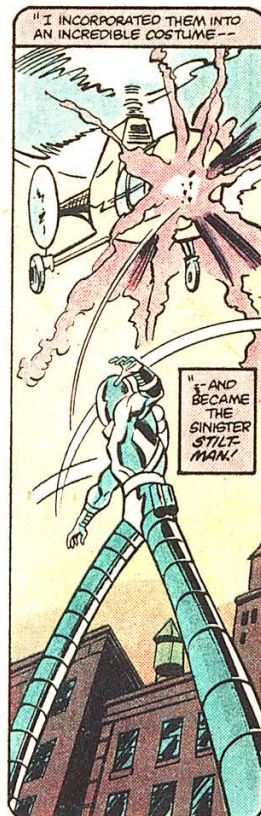
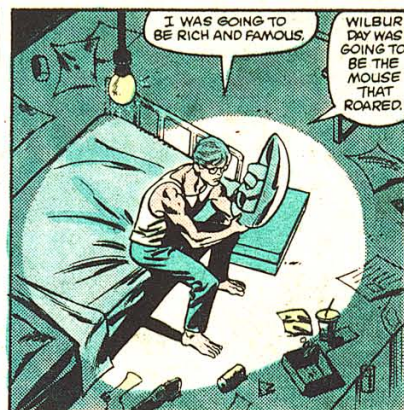
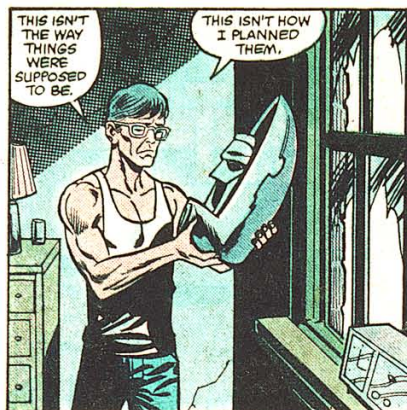
NO ONE TAKES THE STILT-MAN SERIOUSLY ANYMORE!



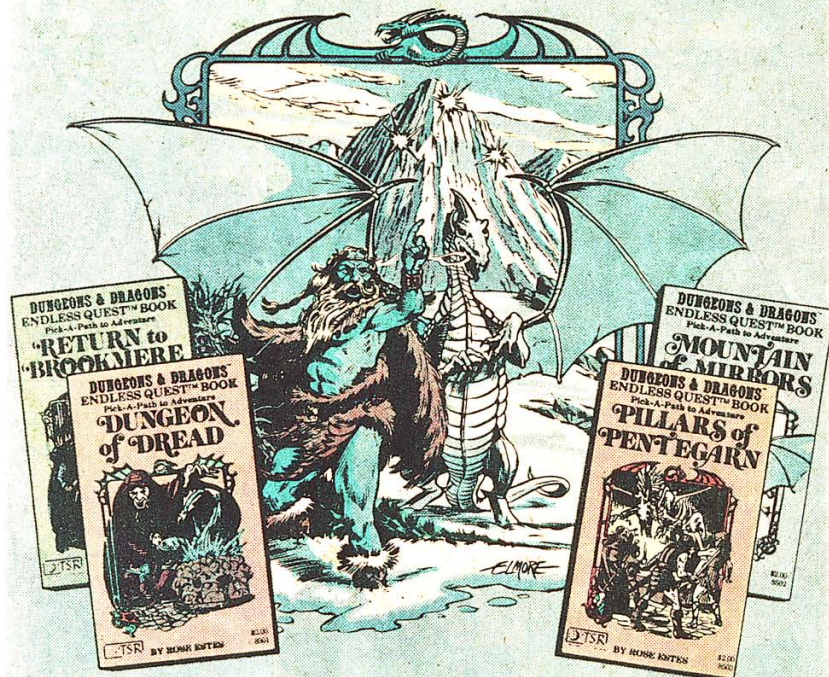
HIS NAME IS WILBUR DAY, AND HE IS ABSOLUTELY RIGHT.

ROGER STERN
Plot
BILL MANTLO
Script
BOB HALL
Breakdowns
FRANK GIACOLA
Finished Art
RICK PARKER
Letters
BOB SHAREN
Colors
TOM DeFALCO
Editor
JIM SHOOTER
Tall Person

THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN® Vol. 1, No. 237, February, 1983. (U.S.P.S. 540-030) Published by MARVEL COMICS GROUP, James E. Fenton, President, Stan Lee, Publisher, Michael Hobson, Vice-President, Publishing, Milton Schiffman, Vice-President, Production, OFFICE OF PUBLICATION: 387 PARK AVENUE SOUTH, NEW YORK, N.Y. 10016. Second Class postage paid at New York, N.Y. and at additional mailing offices. Published monthly. Copyright © 1982 by Marvel Comics Group, a division of Cadence Industries Corporation. All rights reserved. Price 60¢ per copy in the U.S. and 75¢ in Canada. Subscription rate \$7.20 for 12 issues. Canada and Foreign, \$9.20. Printed in the U.S.A. No similarity between any of the names, characters, persons, or institutions with those of any living or dead person or institution is intended, and any such similarity which may exist is purely coincidental. This periodical may not be sold except by authorized dealers and is sold subject to the conditions that it shall not be sold or distributed with any part of its cover or markings removed, nor in a mutilated condition. THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN (including all prominent characters featured in the story, and the distinctive likenesses thereof) are trademarks of the MARVEL COMICS GROUP. Postmaster: Send address changes to Subscription Dept., Marvel Comics Group, 387 Park Avenue South, New York, N.Y. 10016.



MAKE YOUR FIRST ADVENTURE AN ENDLESS QUEST™ BOOK



ENDLESS QUEST™ books are a great way to learn about the exciting world of DUNGEONS & DRAGONS® games. As you read you must make split-second decisions that will not only affect your next move, but every situation on the pages that follow. The plot is very detailed. The situations breathtaking. The adventure is limitless!

For a free color catalog of games & accessories write:

In the US:

TSR Hobbies, Inc.
POB 756 Dept. 170-134M
Lake Geneva, WI
53147



In the UK:

TSR Hobbies, (UK) Ltd.
The Mill, Rathmore Rd.
Cambridge, ENGLAND
CB1 4AD

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS and ENDLESS QUEST are trademarks owned by TSR Hobbies, Inc.
©1982 TSR Hobbies, Inc. All Rights Reserved.

TM & © 2004 MARVEL

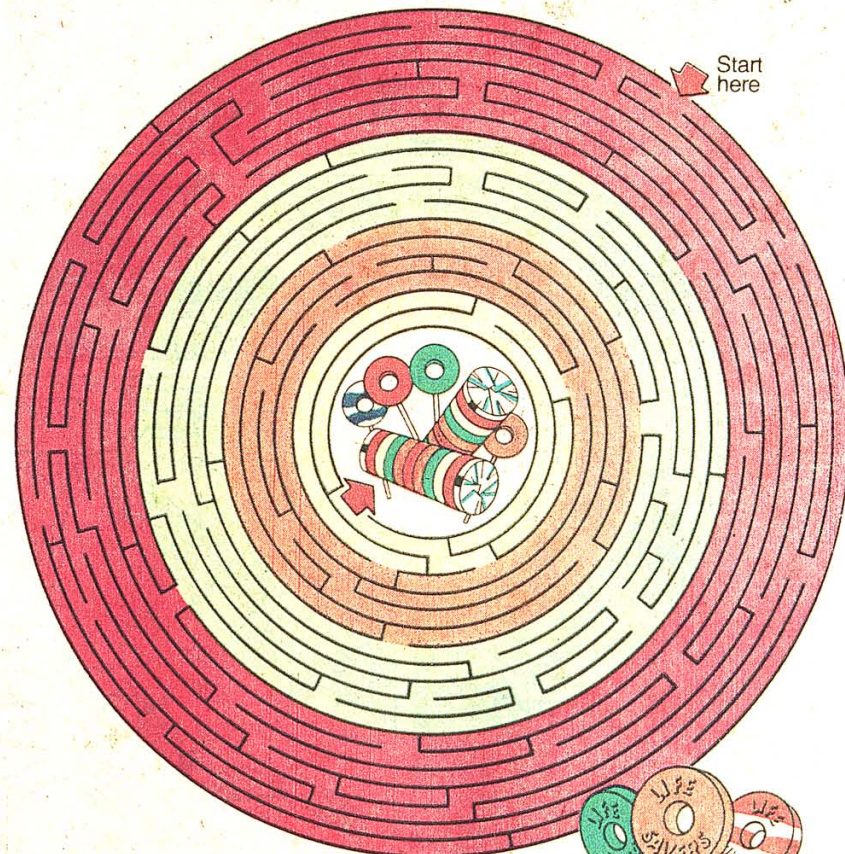
LIFE SAVERS®



Circle of flavors!

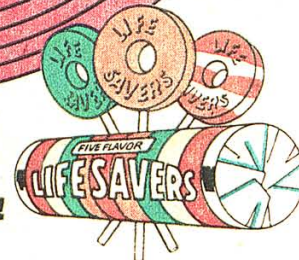
Find your way through this circle of flavors to the delicious Life Savers center.

Directions: Use a pencil to find the secret path. Remember not to cross any solid lines.



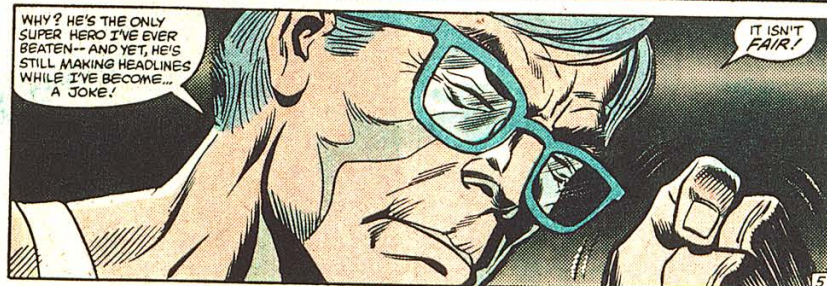
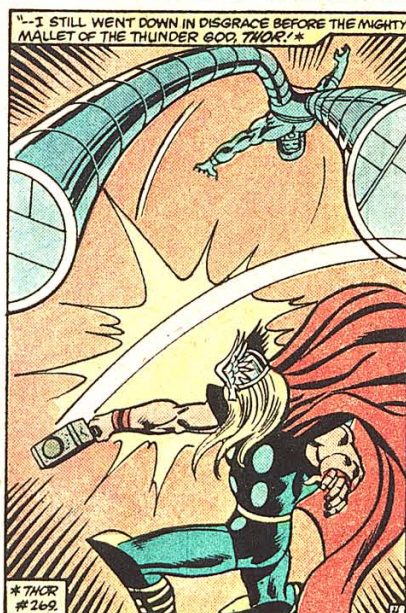
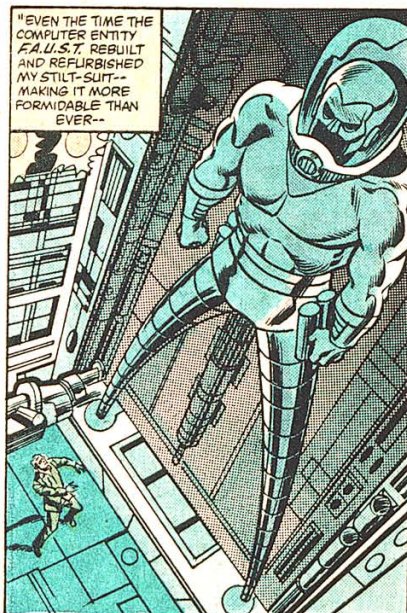
Start here

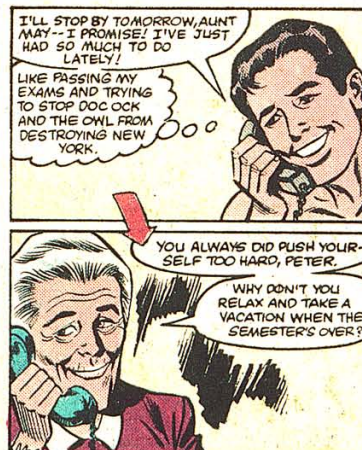
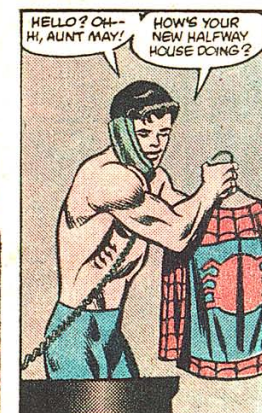
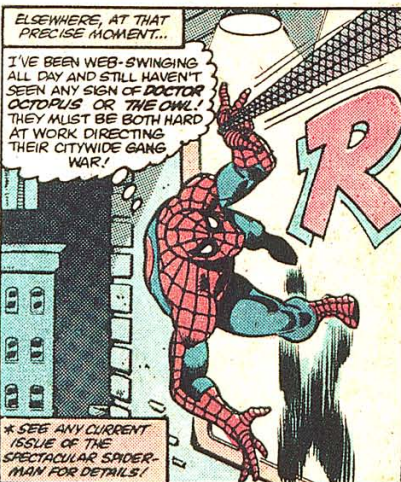
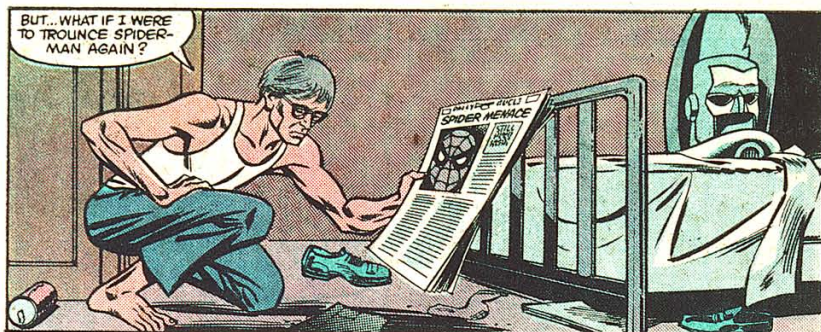
**Life Savers Roll Candy
and Lollipops.
Super Flavors! Super Fun!**



© 1982 Life Savers, Inc.

TM & © 2004 MARVEL

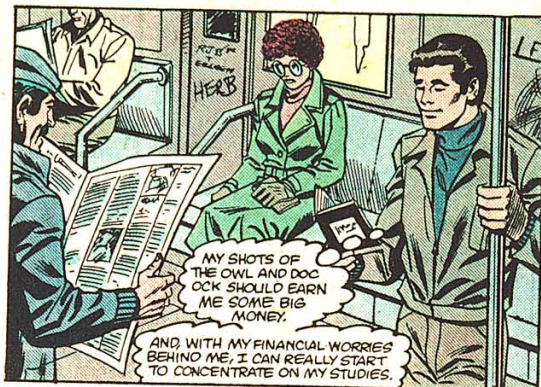






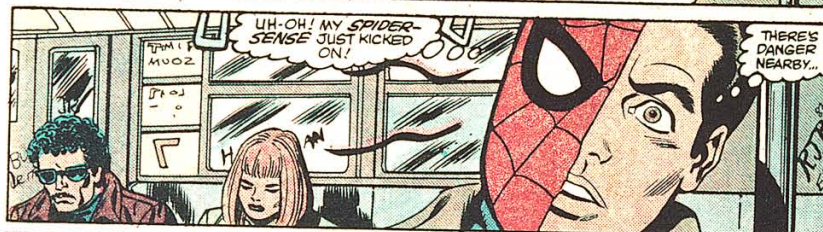
BRIGHT AND EARLY THE NEXT MORNING...

I'VE GOT TO DROP OFF MY FILM AT THE 'BUGLE'!



MY SHOTS OF THE OWL AND DOCK OCK SHOULD EARN ME SOME BIG MONEY.

AND WITH MY FINANCIAL WORRIES BEHIND ME, I CAN REALLY START TO CONCENTRATE ON MY STUDIES.

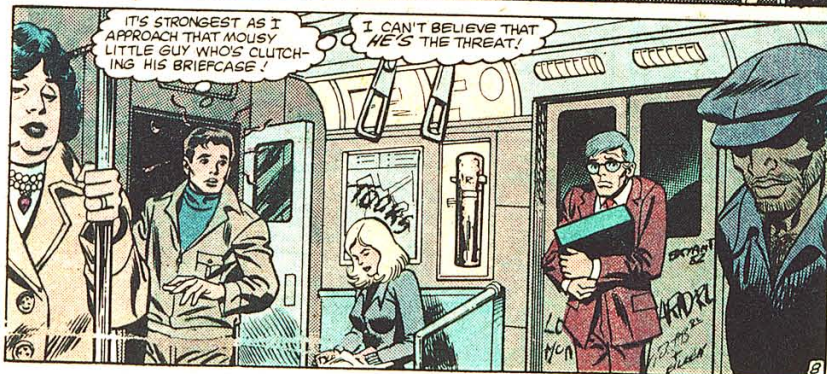


UH-OH! MY SPIDER-SENSE JUST KICKED ON!

THERE'S DANGER NEARBY...



I'M REACTING TO SOMETHING IN THE NEXT CAR!



IT'S STRONGEST AS I APPROACH THAT MOUSY LITTLE GUY WHO'S CLUTCHING HIS BRIEFCASE!

I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT HE'S THE THREAT!



I USUALLY TRUST MY SPIDER-SENSE IMPLICITLY-- BUT MAYBE IT'S DUE FOR A TUNE-UP!

THE SUBWAY TRAIN ROLLS INTO THE STATION.



AW, WHAT THE HECK? IT CAN'T HURT TO SLAP A SPIDER-TRACER ON THAT GUY!



BUT, EVEN BEFORE PETER PARKER CAN ACT...

HUH? SPIDER-SENSE IS GOING OFF AGAIN-- WARNING ME OF DANGER FROM BEHIND!

SOMEBODY'S PICKING MY ROCKET!!!



STOP THIEF!



I DON'T GET IT; THAT GUY SHOULDN'T HAVE FELT ME SLIP THAT WALLET! SO HOW'D HE KNOW--?

I SAID... STOP!

MARVEL SUPER MART



Collectors! Looking for back issues, or can't find all of your favorite Marvels each month? These independently owned comic stores are just the place to visit or write.

CALIFORNIA
Exciting Times, 2232 East 7th St., Long Beach, CA 90804 (213) 433-4603
Another World Comics, 1615 Colorado Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90041 (213) 257-7757

The Comic Vendor, 18032 Crenshaw Blvd., Torrance, CA 90503 (213) 515-2676

FLORIDA
Past, Present, Future, 1348 West Lantana Rd., Lantana, FL 33462 (305) 586-2004
Gepp's Comic World, Inc., 2226 East Bay Dr., Largo, FL 33541 (813) 585-0226

IDAHO
New Mythology Comics & Science Fiction, 1725 Broadway, Boise, Idaho 83704 (208) 882-8781

MARYLAND
Gepp's Comic World, Inc., 8317 Fenton St., Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301) 588-2545

MICHIGAN
The Amazing Book-Store, 3708 Richfield Rd., Flint, Mich. 48506 (313) 736-3025

PENNSYLVANIA
Book Swap, 110 S. Fraser St., State College, PA 16801 (814) 234-6005

RHODE ISLAND
Iron Horse Comics & Collectibles, 834 Hope St., Prov., R.I. 02906 (401) 251-9343

TEXAS
The Dungeon Book & Comic Store, 126 E. 3600 Fredericksburg Rd., San Antonio, TX 78201 (512) 732-2272

VIRGINIA
Dave's Comics, Village Shopping Center, 7019 E. Thane Chopt Rd., Richmond, VA 23226 (804) 282-1211

LEARN TO PLAY ROCK GUITAR

without needing music

Beginner's book teaching the basics of rock guitar: licks, tricks, riffs, chords, diagrams. Send \$4.50 + \$1.00 postage to:
Rock Hard Music, Box 261
1744 W. Devon, Chicago, IL 60660



ARCADIE ACTION
A NEW Game & Puzzle Magazine for YOU!

The first issue of ARCADE ACTION magazine has over 40 fun-filled pages of puzzles, mazes, word games and video information. All games and puzzles are based on your favorite video arcade games: PAC-MAN™, DONKEY KONG™, PHOENIX™, DEFENDER™, CENTIPEDE™, and more! Send \$2.00 for your copy TODAY to: CC PUBLICATIONS, Box 1019, Dept. M, Temple City, CA 91780.

DISAPPEARING MONSTER BLOOD
VANISHES FROM CLOTHING, ETC. FOOL YOUR FRIENDS & FAMILY!
FREE! MONSTER FANGS! IF YOU ORDER NOW!
ONLY \$2.50 POSTPAID. SEND CHECK OR MONEY ORDER TO:
PROF. PRANKS LAB
P.O. BOX 9323
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, 84109

MARVEL & DC COMICS BEST PRICES

Lowest prices. Very strict grading 100,000 books in stock. Same day service. Satisfaction guaranteed. Send 25¢ for catalog to A & S Comics, 1129 - 43rd St. North Bergen, N.J. 07047

An ATLAS BODY? In 7 days

DYNAMIC-TENSION starts giving results you can feel and your friends will notice. Big useful muscles. Gain weight, if needed. Lose "pot belly." Send name and address for 32-page book—FREE.
CHARLES ATLAS, 45 West 23rd St. New York, N.Y. 10010 Dept. A 60

COMIC CATALOG — 10¢

Most comics priced at what others charge. Comics & Fantasy, 9315 Mission Gorge Rd. Box 309, Santa, CA 92071
visit our store call (714) 448-4538

HARTI COMICS

P.O. BOX 19084, PHOENIX, AZ 85009
Discounts • Money Back Guarantee
Send 20¢ of an 18¢ Stamp for Catalog

SEND S.A.S.E. FOR FREE MARVEL & DC LISTS

WE BUY AND SELL
OVER 1,000,000 COMICS IN STOCK
SEND A LONG SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE FOR FREE LISTS, OR 75¢ FOR LISTS & GIANT CATALOG. #6 LISTING COMICS FROM ALL PUBLISHERS TO GRAND BOOK INC. DEPT. M, 659 GRAND ST. BROOKLYN, NY 11211

* 102 MAGIC TRICKS *

Easy to Learn — Impress Your Friends
SEND \$2.00 (U.S. Dollars) to:
LISA RAY ENTERPRISES
P.O. B. 629 • Far Rockaway, N.Y. 11691

THE FIRST LIST

Choose from Thousands of Marvels and DCs
For Catalog, Send 50¢ to:
CENTORCOMICS
122 E. 42nd St.
New York, NY 10168
A division of Centormedia Inc.

COMIC BOOKS FOR SALE

25,000 in stock. Complete Marvel & DC Groups from 1935-1993. Also TV Guides, Art, Mags., Pulp, Doc. Savage, Walt Disney, Movie Items, Shadow, etc. from 1900-1983. We Also Buy. Send list with prices.

GIANT CATALOG 95¢

HOWARD M. ROGOFSKY
P.O. Box 1102, Flushing, N.Y. 11354

COMICS? WE GOT 'EM!

BUT THAT'S JUST THE BEGINNING!
Ordering from Lone Star is like putting one of the world's largest comic shops in your mailbox! Send 25¢ for our big illustrated catalog & see what we mean.

• Huge back issue selection. Marvels our specialty!
• Direct sales publications!
• Comic Bags & Boxes!
• Fanzines, Comic Indexes, Gum Cards!
• New Issue Subscription Service—SAVE 20% on all your purchases!

With 20 years experience behind us, it's no wonder that Lone Star's service, selection & low low prices just can't be beat!

LONE STAR COMICS
511 East Abram, Arlington, TX 76010

How to WRITE, SELL and PUBLISH YOUR OWN SONGS

Learn how to write songs correctly, get them recorded, sell and promote them. Scripts and musical notation/hypocritical. Information FREE.
ACE PUBLISHING, Dept. S, Box 64, Boston, MA 02701

GOLDEN STATE COMICS

Send 25¢ for comics selling list and FREE protective comic bag
4688 Bounding, San Diego, CA 92116
or visit our store.

STAMP COLLECTING OUTFIT

Packet of stamps, 9 Triangles, 2 Diamonds, birds, animals, flowers, etc. Plus hinges, perf. guage. ONLY 25¢ to applicants for our approval service which can be cancelled anytime. • • • BY RESPONDING TO THIS AD YOU ARE REQUESTING STAMPS ON APPROVAL WHICH YOU MUST PAY FOR OR RETURN.
L. W. BROWN, Dept. CM, Marlon, Mich. 49665

BRITISH EMPIRE 104 Different

includes mint pictorial colonies 10¢ with approvals which must be paid for or returned **KAMCO**, Box 338H, Flushing, NY 11367

50 YEARS OLD

15 different U.S. stamps at least 50 years old 25¢ with approvals which must be paid for or returned
JAXON STAMP COMPANY
P.O. Box C11-C, New Rochelle, NY 10804

EXTRATERRESTRIAL BIRTH CERTIFICATE

EXTRATERRESTRIAL DEATH CERTIFICATE
70¢ EACH
E.F.M. ENTERPRISES
Hudson City Station, P.O. Box 7 AJ
392 Central Ave., Jersey City, N.J. 07307

COMIC BACK ISSUES

150,000 MARVELS IN STOCK
Send 25¢ for Marvel Catalog & FREE COMIC BAG
EMPIRE COMICS
1509 Mt. Hope Ave., Rochester, NY 14620

COMIC LIST #13

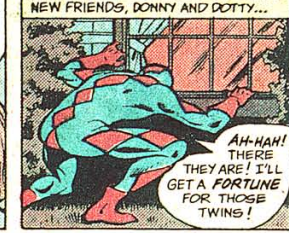
SEND A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED RETURN ENVELOPE TO:
COMIC SALES COMPANY
BOX M-352-BROOKLYN, N.Y. 11211

MARVEL & DC COMICS LOWEST PRICES

We guarantee lowest prices. All MARVELS available from F.F. 1 to present. 5 different conditions, very strict grading. Most books from last 12 months only 60¢ ea. mint condition. Fast service, satisfaction guaranteed. For large catalogue send 25¢ to: J&S Comics, P.O. Box 2057, Red Bank, NJ 07701. We Also Buy.

THE INCREDIBLE HULK AND THE MAGIC SNAKE

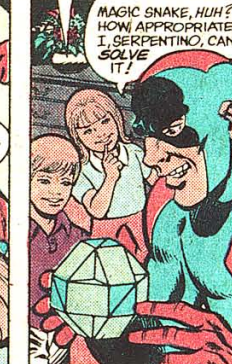
LOST IN THE WOODS, THE WORLD'S RICHEST TWINS ARE FOUND BY THE INCREDIBLE HULK...



OKAY, YOU KIDS ARE COMING WITH ME! DON'T TAKE ANYTHING THAT WILL SLOW US DOWN!



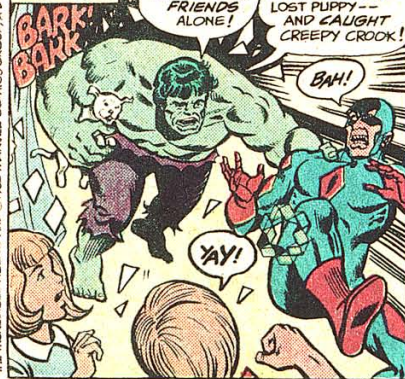
IT'S THE ORIGINAL MAGIC SNAKE™ PUZZLE, SIR!



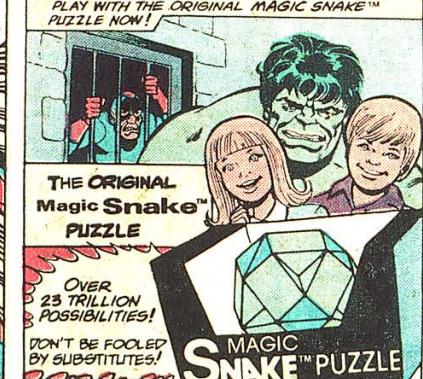
MAYBE THE MAGIC SNAKE™ PUZZLE WILL KEEP HIM BUSY UNTIL THE HULK GETS BACK!



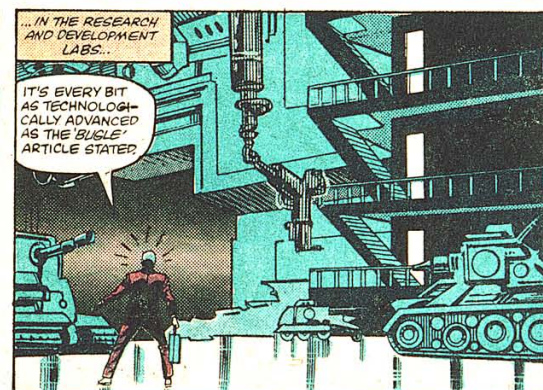
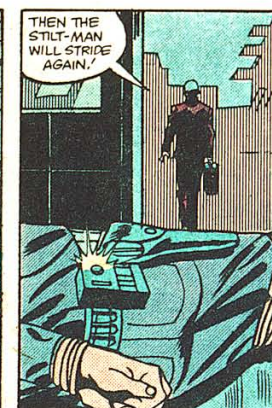
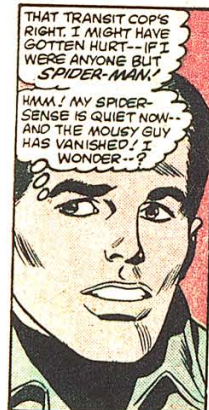
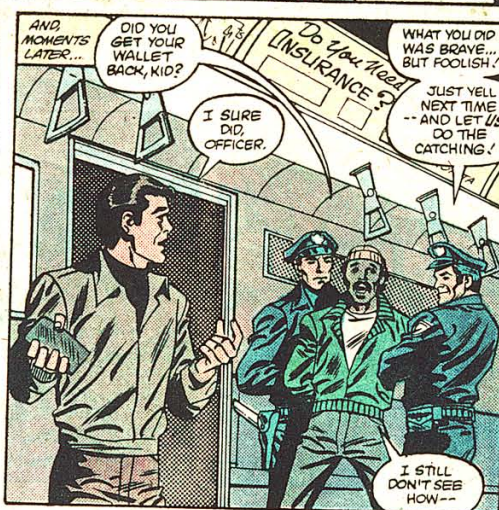
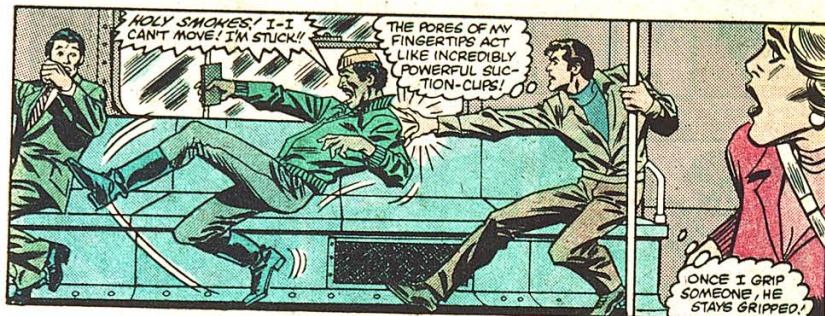
SUDDENLY...



SERPENTINO WILL HAVE PLENTY OF TIME TO PLAY WITH THE ORIGINAL MAGIC SNAKE™ PUZZLE NOW!

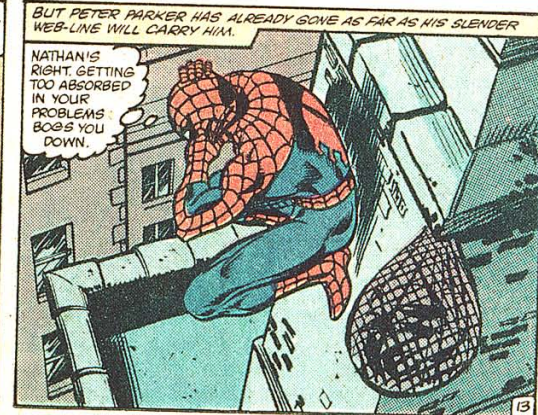
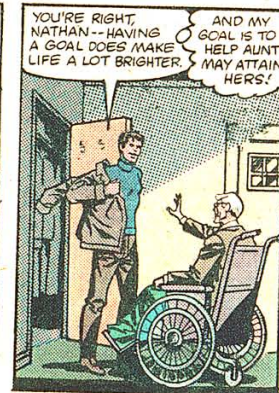
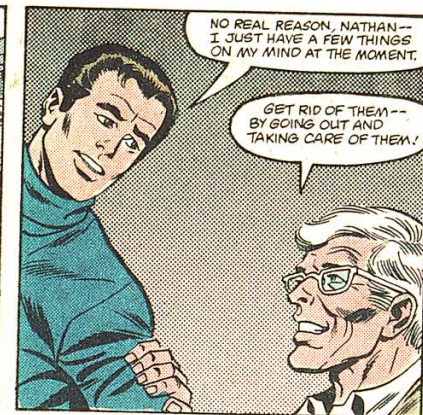
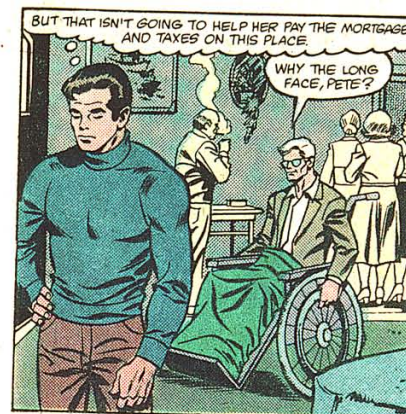
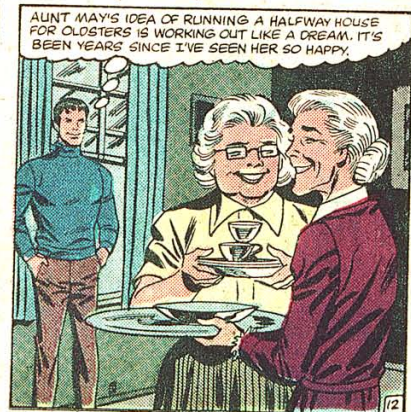
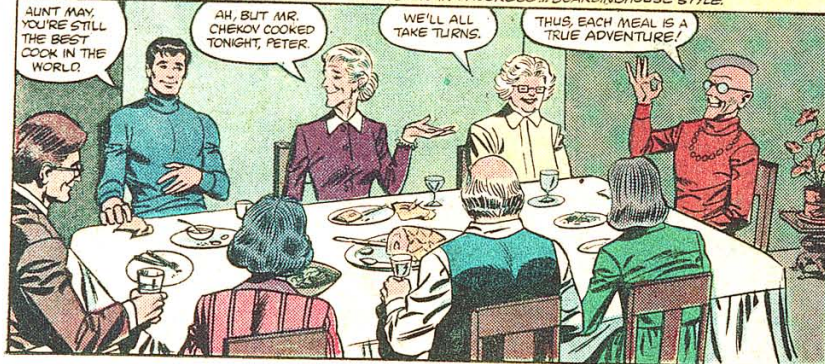


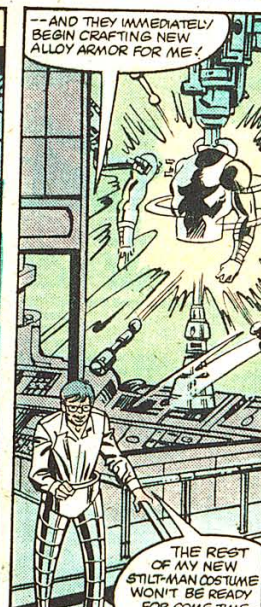
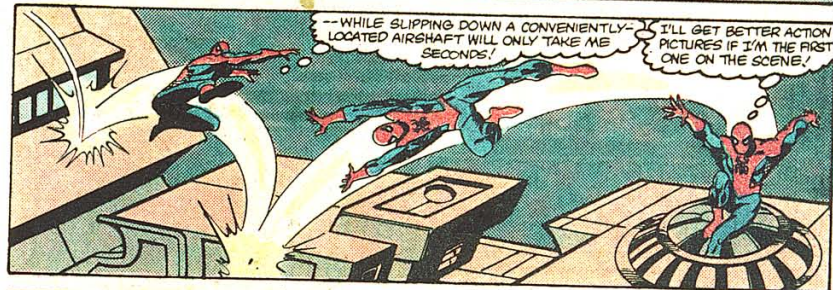
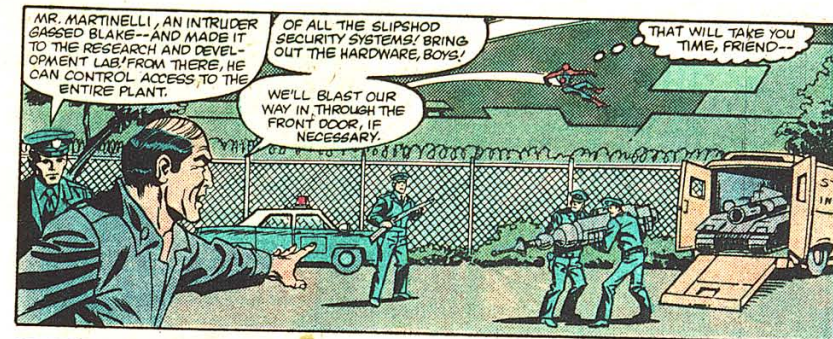
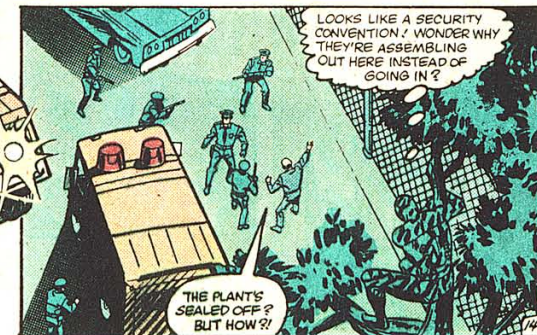
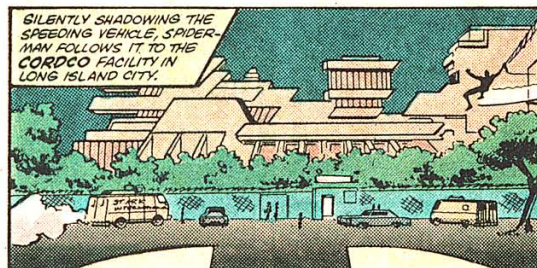
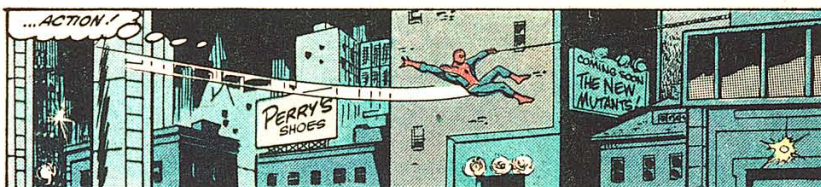
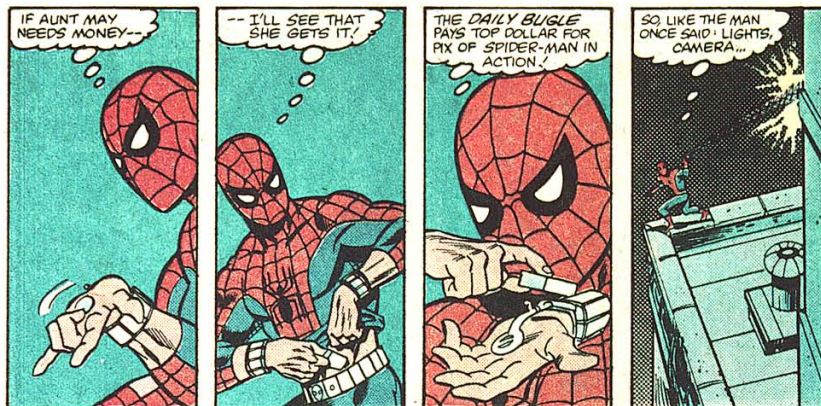
MAGIC SNAKE™ A PRODUCT OF HIRSCHCO, INC./ELK GROVE VILLAGE, IL 60007





MINUTES LATER, AS VIC MARTINELLI TRAVELS THE LONG ISLAND EXPRESSWAY HIS FIAT PASSES THE FOREST HILLS HOME OF MAY PARKER, WHERE A DINNER IS IN PROGRESS... BOARDINGHOUSE STYLE.





DECK THE HALLS WITH MARVEL COMICS!

HERE'S OUR HOLIDAY GIFT TO YOU:
BIG SAVINGS ON SUBSCRIPTIONS!

YOUR FIRST 2
12-ISSUE SUBSCRIPTIONS
COST \$6.00 EACH--
OR JUST 50¢ PER COPY!

EACH ADDITIONAL 12-ISSUE
SUBSCRIPTION YOU ORDER FOR
YOURSELF OR A FRIEND COSTS
ONLY \$4.50 EACH--
OR JUST 38¢ PER COPY!

PLUS THESE BONUSES:
★ YOU MAY CANCEL IF NOT SATISFIED!
★ DELIVERY RIGHT TO YOUR DOOR!
★ BIG SAVINGS OVER THE NEWSSTAND
PRICE OF \$7.20!
★ LOWEST PRICE ON RENEWALS!

THIS SPECIAL OFFER EXPIRES
JANUARY 31, 1983!

JUST FILL OUT THE COUPON
BELOW-- ENCLOSE A LIST FOR
ADDITIONAL GIFT SUBSCRIPTIONS.
BE SURE TO INCLUDE NAMES,
ADDRESSES AND TITLES!

HOLIDAY COUPON WORTH UP TO \$2.00 SAVINGS!

- TITLES — 12 ISSUES**
- ☐ AMAZING SPIDER-MAN
 - ☐ AVENGERS
 - ☐ CAPTAIN AMERICA
 - ☐ CONAN
 - ☐ DAREDEVIL
 - ☐ DAZLER
 - ☐ DEFENDERS
 - ☐ DR. STRANGE
 - ☐ FANTASTIC FOUR
 - ☐ GHOST RIDER
 - ☐ G.I. JOE
 - ☐ INCREDIBLE HULK
 - ☐ INDIANA JONES
 - ☐ IRON MAN
 - ☐ MARVEL TALES
 - ☐ MARVEL TEAM-UP
 - ☐ MARVEL TWO-IN-ONE
 - ☐ MASTER OF KUNG FU
 - ☐ PETER PARKER
 - ☐ POWER MAN/IRON FIST
 - ☐ ROM
 - ☐ SPIDER-WOMAN
 - ☐ STAR WARS
 - ☐ THOR
 - ☐ X-MEN

SPECIAL TITLES

☐ MICRONAUTS	\$8.00
☐ MOON KNIGHT	\$8.00
☐ KA-ZAR	\$8.00
☐ WHAT IF	\$10.00
☐ KING CONAN	\$10.00
☐ MARVEL FANFARE	\$14.00

Please mail to: **MARVEL COMICS GROUP**

Subscription Dept.

387 Park Avenue South

New York, N.Y. 10016

- ☐ Enclosed is \$6.00 per title for the first two titles ordered.
☐ I'd like to save more! Enclosed is \$4.50 for each additional title.

Enclosed is \$

Canada and Foreign: Add \$2.00 per title.

Make checks or money orders payable to Marvel Comics.

For additional gift subscriptions, include a list with names, addresses and titles.

This offer expires JANUARY 31, 1983.

Name _____ Age _____

(Please print)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Allow 10 weeks for delivery. OCT-82

**BEHIND
THE
CANDY
COUNTER**

ADVERTISEMENT

chew chew

Hey kid
what d'ya
want?

Yum

You want
gum?
Is that it?

YUM

How
bout
uh....

BubbleYum

BubbleYum
It says... 'Super
Yum'. Must be
new, huh?

Hmm. Think
I'll try a piece
for you.

MMM.

MMM!

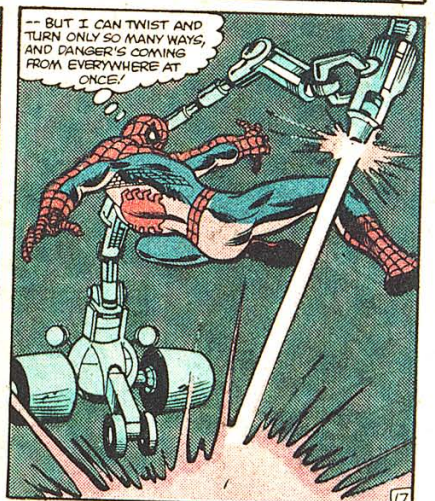
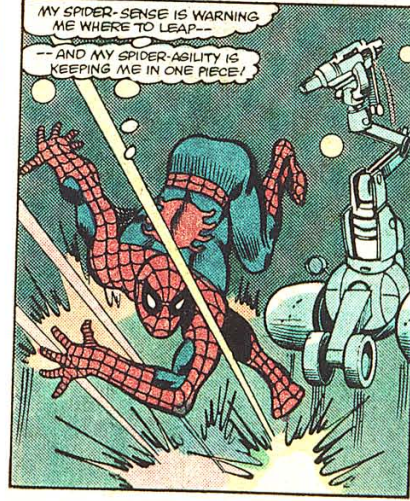
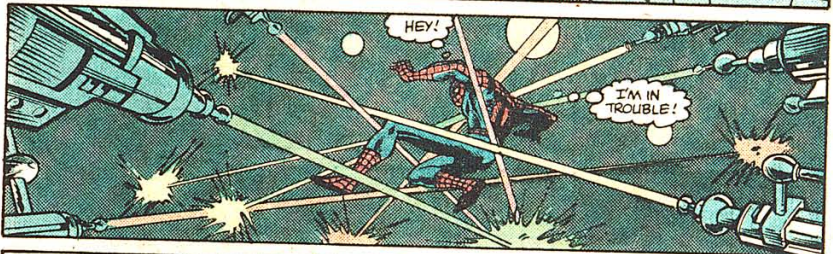
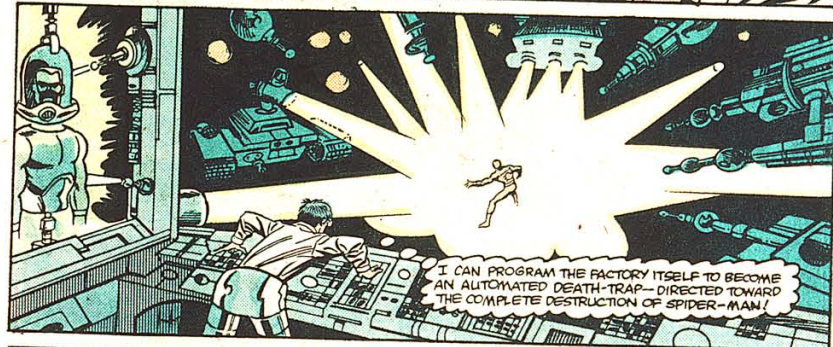
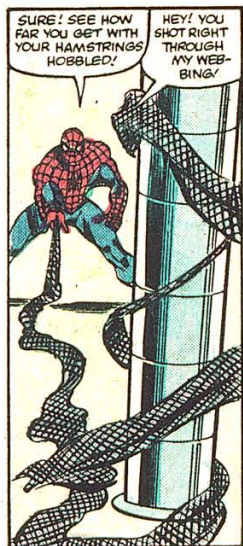
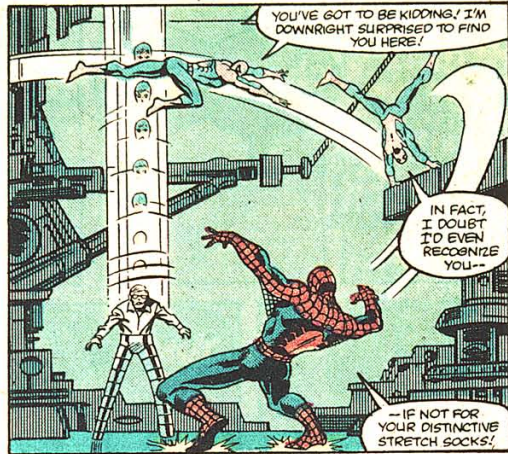
YUMM!

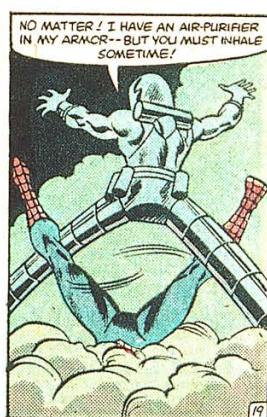
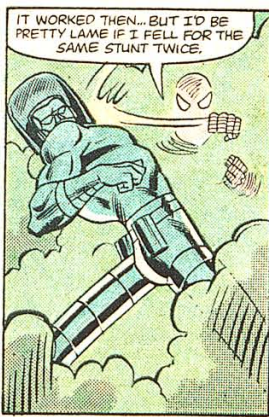
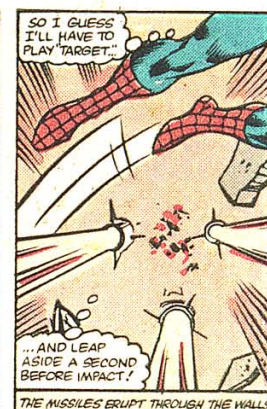
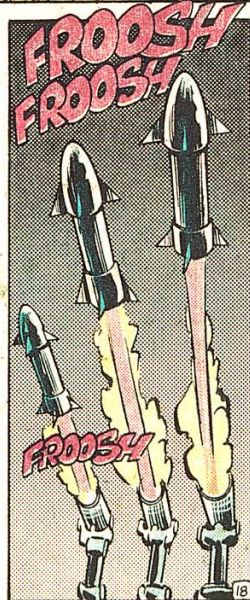
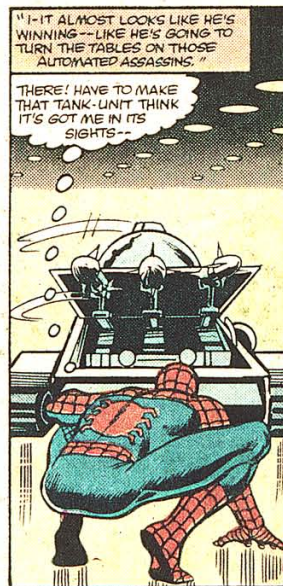
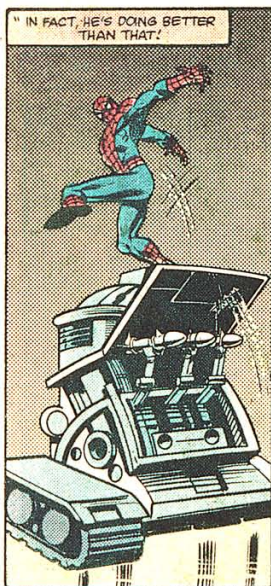
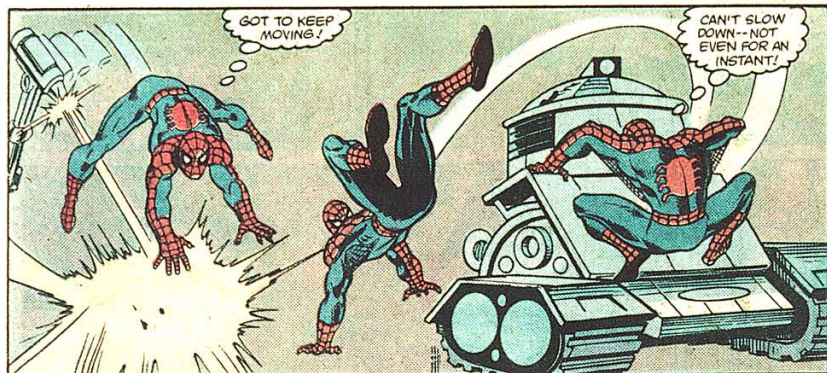
BubbleYum

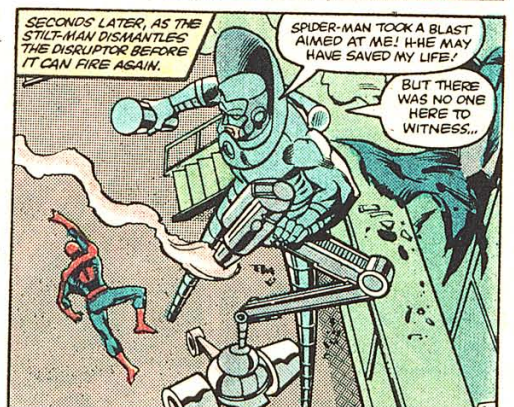
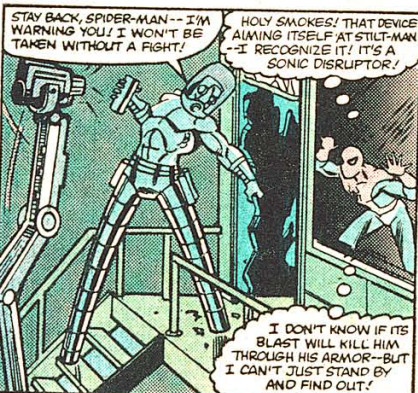
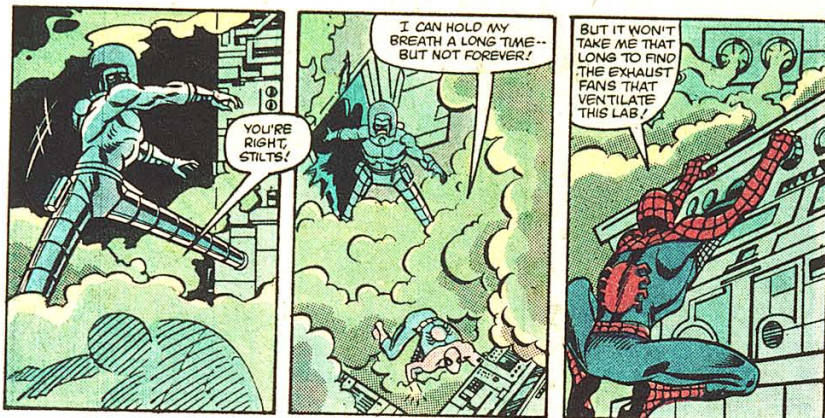
**Bubble Yum
Bubble Gum.
It's a Super Yum.**

Told
ya.

© NABISCO BRANDS, INC. 1982







THE SPIDER'S WEB

MARVEL COMICS GROUP
387 Park Avenue South
New York, New York 10016

TOM DEFALCO
EDITOR
LINDA GRANT
ASSISTANT EDITOR

Dear Tom:

It's been a long time since I've bothered to write to a comics magazine. I never thought I'd be doing it again. I sold my entire collection about a year ago (shame on me) to put a down payment on an engagement ring. To tell you something about the young lady... she was worth it!

Since then, I've bought a few issues of my old favorites to keep in touch, but that's it. Then I found myself buying AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #230. Then #231 and #232. Three issues of non-stop action... unbelievable! And not once did you lose sight of the character development. Not once did anyone act uncharacteristically. And Spider-Man won every battle in a believable, realistic manner. I'm impressed.

I always liked Spider-Man as a character, but more and more I find myself truly impressed with the way he's being handled. And the art—the way it changed a little with each issue, becoming darker and grainier for Mr. Hyde's appearance—bravo! Keep this up and I may have a new collection going. But what will my wife say?

Chris Weitzel
123-B Cleveland Avenue
Charlottesville, VA 22901

Hey, if she's as great as you say, Chris, she'll probably want to read 'em, too! (Marvel Comics help build strong families twelve different ways!)

Dear Guys,

What a way to launch Spider-Man's 21st year! "Hyde... In Plain Sight!" was very well-written (no big surprise for a Roger Stern story), and the artwork was excellent, though I can't help thinking that it could be even better! Maybe you could arrange a Romita Jr./Sr. team-up some day? At any rate, from the looks of things, Spider-Man should easily last another 21 years!

I know that almost everyone from here to Timbuktu has asked, begged, and pleaded with you to bring back the Green Goblin, and I'm certainly no exception. Bring back the Green Goblin!

Joey Like
1210 East Vantrees Street
Washington, IN 47501

If it's a Romita Two-In-One you've been craving, we hope you picked up AMAZING SPIDER-MAN ANNUAL #16, Joey. As for the Goblin... well, read on!

Dear Tom:

Thank you for AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #232. It sure is nice to get a wrap-up that is a wrap-up!

There was very little to dislike about this whole Cobra and Hyde storyline. Both villains had a chance to take on Spider-Man, and each blew his chance. The idea of letting a villain beat himself has, of course, been used before and to good effect, but the way in which Spider-Man used Hyde's own rage to blind him (in more ways than just the physical) was lovely.

It was also nice to see that Hyde, who nearly bested a relatively inexperienced Thor, could still give a much-less-powerful Spider-Man fits.

Maybe next issue will get back to more of the trials and tribulations of Peter Parker,

but this single, cover-to-cover action issue (with a real ending!), was a nice breath of fresh air.

Thanks.

S. A. Wiebe
6535 47 Avenue NW
Calgary, Alberta

Dear Tom,

Let's look at the past year with you as editor.

Issue #222: "Faster Than the Eye" with the Speed Demon was a lot of fun as a single-issue story. Having Spider-Man fight a villain he had to chase and corner before he could catch was the reason. This was a real test of Spider-Man's agility and brains.

Issue #223: "Night of the Ape" with the Red Ghost and his Super-Apes sounds silly. If it wasn't Marvel, it probably would have been. The highlight here was the characterization of Roger Hochberg. Hochberg and Parker could become good friends with interesting plot possibilities.

Issue #224: "Let Fly These Aged Wings" began Roger Stern's tenure on the book quite nicely. I am looking forward to the Vulture's next appearance after this one!

Issue #225: "Fools... Like Us" was another speedy story. Although the Foot-killer turned out to be no problem for Spider-Man in the end, it had to hurt for Parker to find out that one of his brightest students was a psychotic killer.

Issue #226: "But the Cat Came Back" leads me to predict further comings-and-goings with the Black Cat in the near future. Issue #227: "Goin' Straight!" made me wonder about that prediction. The second "death" of the Black Cat upset me. At least, if they do meet again, there'll be no need for a fight.

Issue #228: "Murder By Spider!" ... Roger, where were you?

Issue #229: "Nothing Can Stop the Juggernaut!" had all the suspense, intrigue, and drama a continued story needs. I wound up getting two copies by mistake, and traded one to a friend who is crazy for anything to do with the X-Men.

Issue #230: "To Fight the Unbeatable Foe" was a conclusion well worth reading and re-reading! Just where and when the Juggernaut will return cannot be known, but—being unstoppable—he could emerge anywhere!

And finally, issues #231 and #232—"Caught in the Act" and "Hyde... In Plain Sight"—this story was a dream come true. And I'd never realized that Spider-Man and the Cobra were both wall-crawlers. Wow!

As for next issue... well, the Tarantula isn't my favorite villain, but I'll be looking forward to seeing how you guys handle him.

So, that's the past year. Be assured that you'll hear from me again next year! Maybe sooner.

Martin F. Philipps
9 Larkspur Drive
Repeal, Ontario

Sooner, we hope, Marty! The suspense might kill us, otherwise!

Dear Tom,

Regarding ASM #230-232: Wow! You must be doing something right, as usual! The stories were good, and the artwork was very good. Your bold, bright, balloon-less covers are especially striking. The Cobra never looked more sinister than on the cover of AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #231—the picture was clean, well-defined, and almost 3-D!

There was a bit of the old Lee/Ditko feel in ASM #232, what with Debra suspecting a link between Peter and the Web-head... and with the return of the under-arm webbing on Spider-Man's costume.

In closing, I'd like to see more of Mary Jane Watson, Flash Thompson, Harry Osborn, and the Black Cat!

Karl Kunak
8148 Irvine Avenue
North Hollywood, CA 91605

The Black Cat? Did you say, "The Black Cat"?

Well then, rush right back out to your friendly neighborhood newsstand and/or comics emporium! For this very month, in SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #75, the Black Cat is back!

'Nuff said!

Ah, but it's not enough said about AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #238! For in just thirty days, that issue will go on sale... and dear friends, a new superhero is born! Who is he? What is he? And what is the strange relationship between this new foe and the late, great Green Goblin? The answers just begin to unfold in "Shadow of Evil Past!"... next month's amazing saga by Roger Stern and John Romita Jr.!

Don't miss it!

—Tom DeFalco



BULLPEN BULLETINS

STAN LEE...

...fearless Publisher, Presenter, and Creative Director of Mighty Marvel called me up from his office out in Los Angeles today. He thought he'd take out a few minutes from being a Hollywood Mogul to check in with me, your large, menacing-looking, ornery-but-basically-lovable Editor-in-Chief — just to see how the comics were doing. Well, I was delighted to tell him that the comics are doing great! This is our best year ever!

Needless to say, Stan was thoroughly impressed, but, he said something that made me very proud to know him. He said, "Jim, I love to hear that sales are good, but sometimes good sales can be a short-term fluke — what I really care about is whether or not the comics are good. If the comics are good, sales will take care of themselves." My sentiments exactly! Anyway, since Stan is a little behind in his reading, being that he's a busy film biz exec and all, I proceeded to tell him all about what's been going on in all our current titles, what's going on now, and all the daring, exciting developments I've got the darlings, exciting developments I've got planned. When I finished, he was ecstatic! He said, "Jim, what you've got in the works is fantastic! It's the best plotting I've ever heard — the kind of stuff that makes Marvel number one! I'm absolutely delighted!"

I feel like a million bucks!

WHICH BRINGS UP...

...the rumor of the month. It seems that some strange folks out there have been spreading the weird notion that we here at The House of Ideas are planning to make all sorts of drastic, destructive changes, tearing down everything we've built up over the years on a number of our top titles — even killing off a passel of Marvel stars! What balderdash!

Change, of course, is the essence of what makes the Marvel Universe come alive — and I'll be darned if I'll ever let things stagnate here. There are enough Dull Comics in the world without any Marvel titles slipping back into their ranks. I'm not crazy, though... at least not in a hero-destructive way.

AND NOW A WORD FROM THE SUBSCRIPTION DEPARTMENT...

Dear Subscribers,

We want to give you the best subscription service possible. You can help us solve problems by following the procedures listed below.

General Problems/Complaints

Please include address labels with all correspondence. Labels appear on all our comic wrappers.

Make explanation brief and to the point — include all facts and a copy of the cancelled check (front and back) covering the subscription in question.

Be sure to PRINT your name and address as clearly as possible on all coupons and letters.

If You Are Receiving Duplicate Copies

Always include labels from both copies for easy correction.

If You Have Problems Involving More Than One Title You Subscribe To

When writing to us list all titles clearly and include labels for all titles in question.

In Case Of Lost/Damaged Copies

We would love to be able to replace these issues. However, this is not possible. We'll credit your subscription for any such issues.

Renewals

When renewing or extending a title always include labels to avoid receipt of duplicate copies.

We do care about our subscribers and

with your help we will be able to serve you more effectively and to your satisfaction.

Customer Service

Subscription Dept.

Marvel Comics

387 Park Avenue South
New York, N.Y. 10016

A PROBLEM SOLVED!

Since I seem to be having a lot of trouble finding time to take a vacation — or sleep, or eat, or do anything but my job, I recently decided to combine a couple of little vacations with some work.

Two weeks ago, superstar artist/writer Jim Starlin invited a bunch of us up to his beautiful upstate New York home. Among those present were artist Berni Wrightson and his wife, colorist Michelle Brand, artist Carl Potts, artist/writer Bob Layton, colorist Christie Scheele, and of course, Jim Starlin and his wife, painter Daina Gaziunas. We all played racketsball at Jim's club, the Tiger Fitness Center in nearby Kingston, ate a magnificent meal at Rud's, a renowned area restaurant, picnicked on Jim's huge lawn, and enjoyed the Adirondack scenery. In between things, I wrote a few memos, answered some important mail, consulted with Jim about his new *Dreadstar* series, worked out a deal with Berni to do a cover for an upcoming Dr. Strange Special Edition reprint, and signed Bob to a Spider-Man Graphic Novel contract!

Last week, I met star scripter David Michelinie and ace inker Brett Breeding in Atlantic City for two days. We stayed in luxury at Caesar's Regency Hyatt on the Boardwalk, ate in several terrific restaurants, gambled a little, and in general enjoyed the resort facilities. In between things, I wrote a treatment for a possible TV show that I can't tell you about yet, answered some business questions of Brett's, and worked out an Avengers Graphic Novel plot with Dave.

Now that's how to work!

ATTENTION COMIC SHOP OWNERS!

We'd like to help our readers find your stores. If you'd like your store's name and location mentioned in an upcoming special edition of this column, write to:

Carol Kalish
Marvel Comics
387 Park Avenue South
New York, N.Y. 10016

NEXT MONTH...

I'm really going to take a break. Watch this space for our first Guest Columnist!

Hang in there,

Stan Lee

WATCH FOR...

THE OFFICIAL HANDBOOK OF THE
**MARVEL
UNIVERSE**

ON SALE NOW!

THE HYPE BOX

ROM #39 — Written by BILL MANTLO. Breakdowns by SAL BUSCEMA. Finishes by IAN AKIN and BRIAN GARVEY. Just another incredible adventure of the shining Spaceknight — as he crosses paths with Shang-Chi, Master of Kung Fu, Bill and Sal do it again, and the look Myster. Akin and Garvey have been giving this book a joy to behold. But don't take our word — behold it for yourself!

VISION AND SCARLET WITCH (Limited Series)

#4 — Written by BILL MANTLO. Pencils by RICK LEONARDI. Inks by IAN AKIN and BRIAN GARVEY. The awesome conclusion to this four issue extravaganza. Enter the X-Men's premier adversary... *Magneto!* And the news he brings about Quicksilver and the Scarlet Witch is alone worth the cover price! But that's only a small part of this month's goings on!

THE OFFICIAL HANDBOOK OF THE MARVEL UNIVERSE #2

This month: From the 'B's' through The Collective Man. The second issue of the monthly 12 issue series that'll tell all the inside info on our heroes and villains! It's a monumentally comprehensive, informative, and entertaining endeavor. Organized and edited by MARK GRUENWALD.

THE MIGHTY MARVEL CHECKLIST

- ☐ MARVEL TWO-IN-ONE #96 — The Thing, Daredevil, the X-Men and more!
- ☐ TEAM AMERICA #9
- ☐ SPIDER-WOMAN #48
- ☐ DAZZLER #24
- ☐ KA-ZAR #23
- ☐ DAREDEVIL #191
- ☐ AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #237
- ☐ CAPTAIN AMERICA #278
- ☐ THOR #328
- ☐ MICRONAUTS #50
- ☐ GHOST RIDER #77
- ☐ MOON KNIGHT #28
- ☐ INDIANA JONES #2
- ☐ DOCTOR STRANGE #3
- ☐ INCREDIBLE HULK #280
- ☐ AVENGERS #228
- ☐ CONAN #143
- ☐ MARVEL TALES #148 — Reprinting AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #11 'The Return of Doctor Octopus,' by STAN LEE and STEVE DITKO.
- ☐ X-MEN #166 — Special double-sized issue!
- ☐ ROM #39
- ☐ POWER MAN/IRON FIST #90
- ☐ VISION/SCARLET WITCH (Limited Series) #4 — The awesome conclusion!
- ☐ G.I. JOE #8
- ☐ FANTASTIC FOUR #251
- ☐ MARVEL TEAM-UP #128 — Spider-Man and the Hulk! Plus: Luke Cage and the Son of Satan!
- ☐ IRON MAN #167
- ☐ PETER PARKER, THE SPECTACULAR SPIDER-MAN #75 — Special double-sized issue!
- ☐ DEFENDERS #116
- ☐ STAR WARS #68
- ☐ MASTER OF KUNG FU #121
- ☐ WHAT IF #37
- ☐ THE OFFICIAL HANDBOOK OF THE MARVEL UNIVERSE #2

MARVEL MAGAZINES

- ☐ SAVAGE SWORD OF CONAN #84

SPECIAL EVENTS

- ☐ X-MEN SPECIAL EDITION #1 — Reprinting the very first appearance of the New X-Men, plus: an all-new story starring Kitty Pryde by CHRIS CLAREMONT and DAVE COCKRUM!
- ☐ WARLOCK #3 — by JIM STARLIN.

An adventure to the edge of your imagination and beyond.



LORD GRADE Presents A JIM HENSON Film
"THE DARK CRYSTAL"

Produced by JIM HENSON and GARY KURTZ Directed by JIM HENSON and FRANK OZ Screenplay by DAVID ODELL
Story by JIM HENSON Executive Producer DAVID LAZER Conceptual Designer BRIAN FROUD Music by TREVOR JONES

Panavision™

DOLBY STEREO

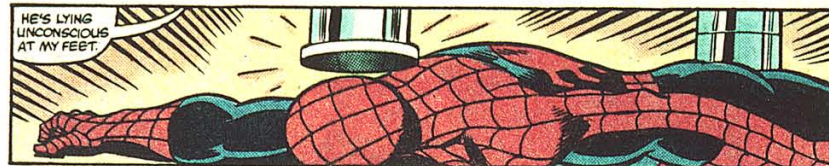
IN SELECTED THEATRES

Distributed by Universal Pictures and Associated Film Distribution Corporation
© 1982 Universal City Studios, Inc.

COMING THIS CHRISTMAS TO A THEATRE NEAR YOU

TM & © 2004 MARVEL

TM & © 2004 MARVEL



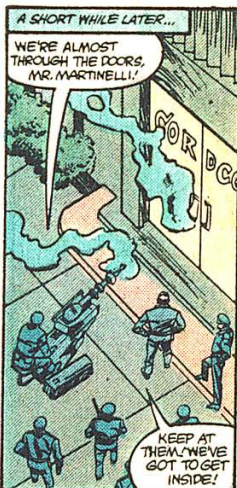
HE'S LYING UNCONSCIOUS AT MY FEET.



I COULD SQUASH HIM NOW AND CLAIM VICTORY! NO ONE WOULD EVER KNOW!



NO ONE BUT ME!



A SHORT WHILE LATER...

WE'RE ALMOST THROUGH THE DOORS, MR. MARTINELLI!



I WANT...

THOOM THOOM

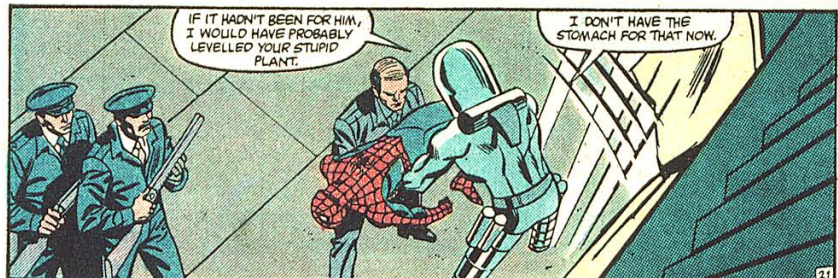


VERY LOUD FOOTSTEPS



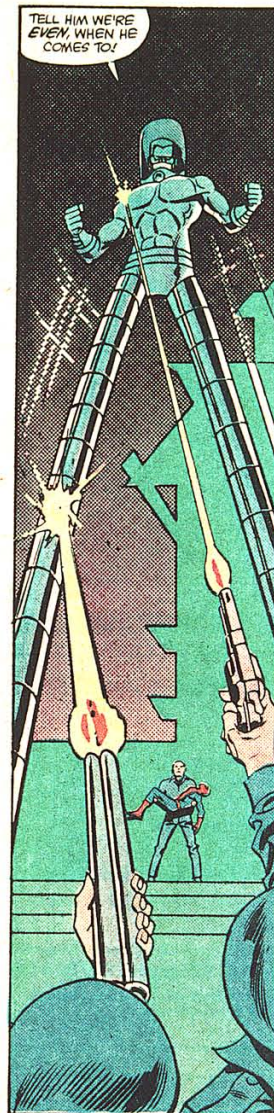
IT'S THAT STILT-MAN AND HE'S CARRYING SPIDER-MAN!?

YOU OWE THIS WALL-CRAWLER A VOTE OF THANKS.

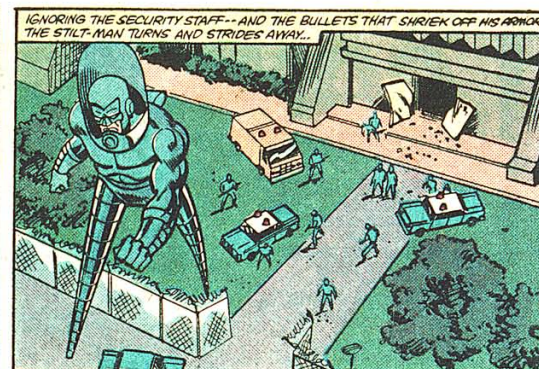


IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR HIM, I WOULD HAVE PROBABLY LEVELLED YOUR STUPID PLANT.

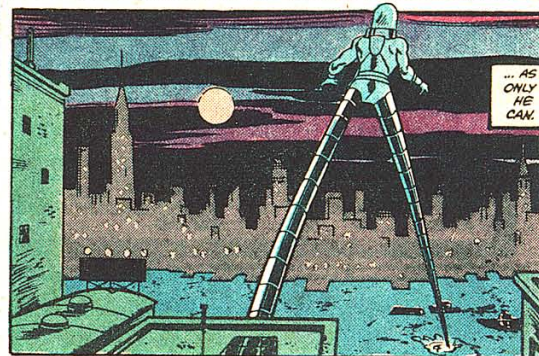
I DON'T HAVE THE STOMACH FOR THAT NOW.



TELL HIM WE'RE EVEN, WHEN HE COMES TO!



IGNORING THE SECURITY STAFF-- AND THE BULLETS THAT SHRIEK OFF HIS ARMOR, THE STILT-MAN TURNS AND STRIDES AWAY...



... AS ONLY HE CAN.



LEAVING BEHIND A REVIVING SPIDER-MAN AND A MYSTIFIED VIC MARTINELLI...

DO YOU KNOW WHAT HE MEANT, WEB-SLINGER--ABOUT YOU TWO BEING EVEN?

I SAVED STILT-MAN'S LIFE IN THERE, FRIEND... AND, IN RETURN, HE DON'T TAKE MINE.

FUNNY WAY OF EVENING THE ODDS, HUH?

YEAH... FUNNY.

END

NEXT AN OLD GIRLFRIEND (GUESS WHO) MAKES A BRIEF APPEARANCE-- AND A NEW VILLAIN ENTERS THE SCENE!
SHADOW OF EVILS PAST!

DON'T MISS IT!

MARVEL FANS — DON'T MISS THESE COMIC BOOK CONVENTIONS YOU'RE INVITED!

— **FEATURING** —
• TONS OF OLD AND NEW COMICS ON SALE
• MARVELS • DCs • THOUSANDS OF BARGAINS — COMPLETE YOUR COLLECTION!
• MEET FAMOUS MARVEL AND DC ARTISTS AND WRITERS!
• SPECIAL EVENTS — AUCTIONS, CONTESTS, FILMS, SLIDESHOWS!
EVERYONE WELCOMED
TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE CONVENTION DOORS. OPEN 11 AM TO 7 PM EACH DAY.

— COMING TO — LOS ANGELES

OCTOBER 23-24 • THE BILTMORE HOTEL, 515 SOUTH OLIVE, DOWNTOWN. WITH CHRIS CLAREMONT AND JOHN BUSCEMA



SAN DIEGO

NOVEMBER 13-14 • SAN DIEGO HOTEL, 339 WEST BROADWAY WITH BOB LAYTON

SAN FRANCISCO

OCTOBER 30-31 • THE CATHEDRAL HILL HOTEL, VAN NESS AND GEARY WITH JOHN BYRNE, GEORGE PEREZ, TERRY AUSTIN

PHILADELPHIA

NOVEMBER 20-21 • CENTRE HOTEL, 1725 KENNEDY BLVD. WITH STAN LEE, BRENT ANDERSON, STAR TREK'S SCOTTY, JIMMY DOOHAN, AND DAVID (DARTH VADER) PROWSE.

MANHATTAN • NOV. 26-28

ROOSEVELT HOTEL, 45th AND MADISON AVENUE. AMERICA'S LARGEST COMIC BOOK CONVENTION: 160 EXHIBITS, 100 TOP GUESTS, AND THOUSANDS OF FELLOW FANS! PLUS MARVEL AND DC PREVIEW THEIR UPCOMING PROJECTS. THE HIGHLIGHT OF ANY COMIC FAN'S YEAR! BE THERE!

FOR FULL FREE DETAILS SEND A 20¢ STAMP TO CREATION, BOX 7155, GARDEN CITY, N.Y. 11530. OR CALL TOLL FREE AT (800) 645-6579. IN NEW YORK CALL (516) 747-2033. DEALER EXHIBIT SPACE IS AVAILABLE. PLEASE CALL.



"America's Greatest Family Newspaper Since 1882"

We are Looking for a few Good Boys and Girls
Who would like to —

Earn their own spending money
Earn neat prizes
Gain practical business experience

By Introducing **GRIT** To Friends, Relatives
Neighbors and Others

GRIT Will Help You Start Your Own Business

You can be among the thousands of boys and girls in small cities and towns all across America who earn their own spending money every week by introducing GRIT to their family, friends and neighbors. GRIT will help you get started in a profitable business of your own by sending you papers, all the supplies you'll need, and suggestions on how and where to begin. GRIT will assist you in every way to make this a happy, successful and profitable venture. HURRY! SIGN UP NOW.

Some law requires newspapers and girls to be 10 years or older, 12 years or older in the states of AL, DE, LA, MA, MO, NJ, NY, NC, PA, RI, VA and WI.

GRIT PUBLISHING CO.
Williamsport, PA 17701

Papers sent only in the Continental U.S.

*** Fill Out and Mail This Coupon In An Envelope Today ***

GRIT PUBLISHING CO., Williamsport, PA 17701 MC 92

Please send me all the details and _____ copies each week to start my own GRIT route.

(print) Name _____

In Care of _____

Address _____

Town _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Age _____ Date of Birth _____ Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

☐ Male ☐ Female Please Print Your Last Name Plainly Below

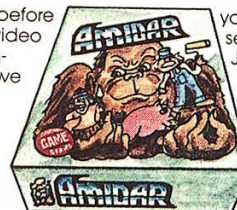
Signature of Parent or Guardian _____



BRING HOME THE GAME THAT'S WAY AHEAD OF THE PACK.

Tired of seeing dots before your eyes? Ready for a video game with some personality? Then make the move to the wacky world of AMIDAR.

First you're a gorilla trying to draw boxes inside a maze. It's not easy though, because

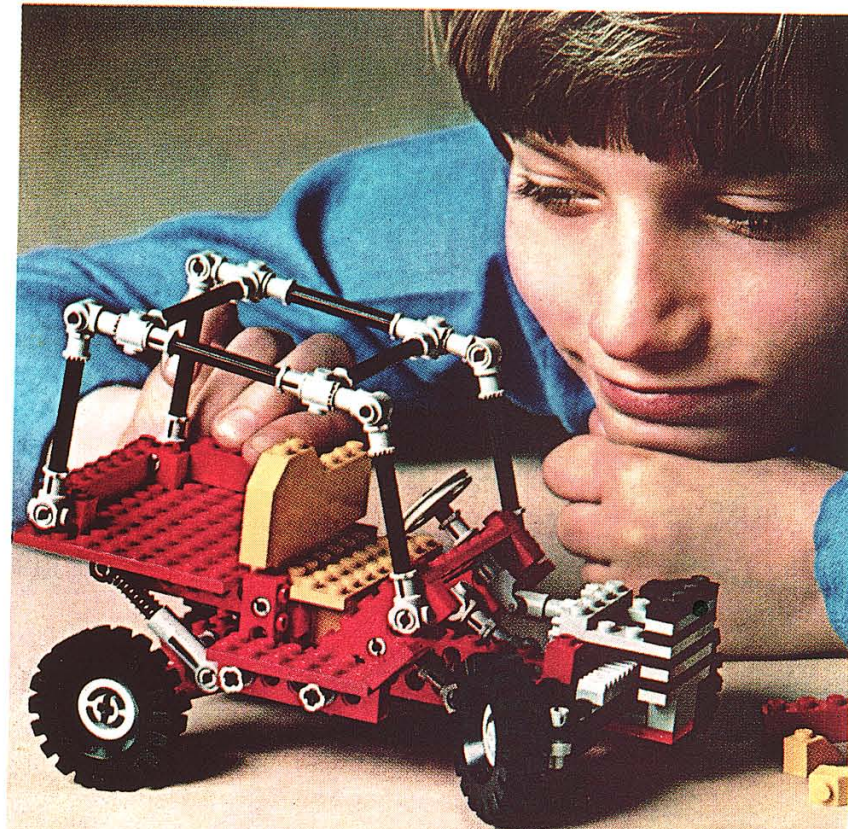


you're being chased by savage sentries every step of the way. Just like in the arcade game.

Now you're a paint roller trying to paint squares while being pursued by persistent pigs. No one ever said it was going to be easy. AMIDAR. One of a kind in a dot-eat-dot world.

PARKER BROTHERS

AMIDAR game graphics © 1982 Konami Industry Co., Ltd. AMIDAR is a trademark of Konami Industry Co., Ltd. and used by Parker Brothers under authorization © 1982 Parker Brothers, Beverly, MA 01915.



YOU'RE BUILDING FOR REAL.

It's here. It's hot. And it's just like real: the new LEGO® Expert Builder™ Dune Buggy.

You build it from the ground up. And when you're finished you won't believe your eyes. You've made a Dune Buggy with coil-spring shocks, rack-and-pinion steering, and rugged rubber tires that move like real.

Want to build something else? You can turn the Dune Buggy into a dragster. Or start building for real with one of our 7 other exciting sets.

When you build a LEGO Expert Builder Set, you'll learn something, too. Just how much of an expert you really are.

©1982 LEGO Group. LEGO®, the LEGO Logo®, and EXPERT BUILDER™ are exclusive trademarks of Interlego A.G.

THE LEGO®
EXPERT BUILDER™
SERIES



IT'LL MAKE AN EXPERT OUT OF YOU.